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Sir:

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Japanese Patent Publication No 63-204074 appears to disclose a refrigerating apparatus having an evaporator, an oil separator and an automatic expansion valve.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 03-129259 appears to disclose a multi-room type air conditioner having a bypass with an electrically-operated expansion valve. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 03-129260 appears to disclose a multi-room type air conditioner having a bypass with solenoid valve and a flow control structure. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 03-260561 appears to disclose an air conditioner having a vapor compression-type refrigerant circuit. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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